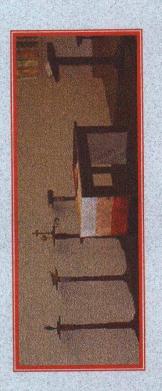
Youth Services Division



Update on Indian Programs and Activities



Riverside Youth Correctional Facility

- Sweat Lodge since 2001.
- Implementing Indian Education for All by creating Native American Literature course.
- Modifying Social Studies and History courses to reflect Plains Indian history and contemporary issues facing the Montana tribes.
- Modifying their Garden Project to visually enhance and reinforce the Native American culture.
- Staff trained in cultural diversity and teachers specifically trained in <u>How to Teach About</u> <u>American Indians</u>.

Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility

- Sweat Lodge since 1992. Charles Little Old Man has been conducting these sweats since the introduction of the sweat lodge.
- Pine Hills teachers trained in How to Teach About American Indians.
- Library increased resources and literature about our Plains Indians tribes.
- Modifying their Garden Project to visually enhance and reinforce the Native American culture.
- Modifying chemical dependency program to address specific Indian substance abuse issues.
- Created Spiritual Center and rebuilt sweat lodge in 2005.

Youth Services Division

- Created Native American Liaison for the Division by modifying Deputy Compact Administrator's position.
- May 12, 2005—opened Center for Spirituality at Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facility.
- Received Residential Substance Abuse and Treatment (RSAT) to bring White Bison Medicine Wheel Chemical Dependency Treatment to both correctional facilities.
- Implementing Indian Education for All at both schools.
- Native American Liaison and Parole Officers will tour each reservations and visit with all tribal governments.
- In conjunction with Mountain Peaks, Inc., the Division is creating a culturally specific mentoring program. In August 2006, we will host our first "Wellness Days".
- As a Division, we continue to train staff and contracted community providers in cultural issues that meet the needs of all the youth we serve.

